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Israel

Knesset Debate -- IDF radio broadcast excerpts from Prime Minister Menahem Begin's concluding speech in the Knesset debate in which he claimed that Israel can destroy the Syrian missiles in Lebanon "within 2 hours" with no Israeli Air Force casualties. However, since the United States has declared its intention of removing the missiles and restoring the status quo ante through the diplomatic endeavors of Philip Habib, Begin indicated, there is no hurry to destroy them. Asking the opposition why they are "in such a hurry," Begin accused them of "pouring oil on the fire" and inciting war with Syria. In other excerpts of his remarks broadcast by Jerusalem radio, the prime minister told the Knesset that if the Syrian missiles were preventing Israeli reconnaissance flights over Lebanon "we would not wait for any visit from anyone." Confirming that the missiles are causing Israel "some troubles," he said that nevertheless Israel is still able to conduct frequent reconnaissance flights over Lebanon. Israel will wait for Habib's next round of diplomacy, Begin asserted, but if there is no other alternative, Israel will "really destroy" the Syrian missiles.

IDF radio reported that Begin also told the Knesset that Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon had just received an invitation to visit Washington on 30 November to discuss strategic cooperation and that an IDF delegation will precede him to prepare for his visit. Begin said Israel intends to reach a significant agreement with the United States.

According to Jerusalem radio, the Knesset approved a government coalition proposal rejecting the European initiative, affirming that Israel will not negotiate over the Saudi peace plan with anyone and pledging to honor all Israel's commitments in the Camp David accords.

Comment on Israeli-U.S. Relations -- Commenting on recent problems in U.S.-Israeli relations, Jerusalem radio said the United States is using the Saudi peace plan "as a whip against Israel" so that if no progress is made in the autonomy talks, the United States will "make use of" the plan more extensively. The radio also reported that in his recent meeting with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, Defense Minister Sharon reacted to Lewis' demand that Israel deny its claims that the United States is supplying arms to Iraq via Jordan and Saudi Arabia by threatening to publicize proof of the shipments. The radio said Israel expects the United States to unequivocally announce that it is abandoning the Saudi plan, is sending a high-ranking representative to the autonomy talks and is continuing its efforts to achieve a settlement in Lebanon.

Jordan

Amman radio noted the end of talks in Washington between King Husayn and President Reagan and reported that the king had thanked his host for the opportunity to meet for talks that were "frank and open" on all issues of common concern. King Husayn said both sides share the hope for a just and comprehensive peace, adding that this visit to Washington has given him "more confidence in and reassurance about the future" than any previous trip.

Saudi Arabia

SPA reported on 4 November that King Khalid received British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. The previous evening, SPA noted Lord Carrington's arrival in Riyadh for a 3-day visit to discuss regional issues and bilateral relations with his Saudi counterpart, Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal. Earlier, SPA reported that PLO Executive Chairman Yasir 'Arafat departed the Kingdom after a short visit in which he met with King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and other high-ranking officials.

According to the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio, 'Arafat said in a predeparture statement that his talks with the Saudis had focused on regional problems, the forthcoming Arab summit conference and Israeli military threats against southern Lebanon. Citing an interview given by 'Arafat in Saudi Arabia to the Kuwaiti paper AL-ANBA', KUNA reported that the PLO leader reemphasized that he welcomes Prince Fahd's peace plan and called on the United States to declare "a frank and clear stand" on it.

Egypt

AL-WATAN on Detainees -- The Kuwaiti paper AL-WATAN reported that the release of political prisoners will begin after 15 November, once the mourning period for President Anwar as-Sadat has lapsed. The paper stated that it has been decided that to release any detainees before that date would give the appearance of an open retreat from As-Sadat's domestic policies.

Security Situation -- MENA noted that at a Cabinet meeting chaired by President Husni Mubarak, Interior Minister Muhammad Nabawi Isma'il explained that 700 members of "the terrorist organization" have been arrested since June.

Libya

Plot Against Al-Qadhdhafi -- Tripoli radio cited numerous news media sources in a report that a plot against the life of Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi has been planned for between 10 and 15 November, to coincide with the U.S.-Egyptian military maneuvers. The radio said the plot will be preceded by the strategic bombing by B-52's of territory within Libyan borders. The radio added that U.S. intelligence units have been monitoring the Libyan leader's movements for months in preparation for this operation.

Withdrawal From Chad -- AFP reported that Libyan troops and armor were seen leaving Chad on the orders of Colonel al-Qadhdhafi, who telephoned his wishes personally to the troop commander in Ndjamena. This was in response to last week's request from Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei for an end to the 11-month Libyan military presence in his country. Monitored Libyan media have not mentioned the withdrawal.

Iran

Qotbzadeh Exile -- The Kuwaiti paper AS-SIYASAH reported that former Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh has fled Iran and arrived in Paris, where he will unite with former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and Mojahedin-e Khalq leader Mas'ud Rajavi.

Security Situation -- Several PARS and Tehran radio reports indicated that over the past few days 31 Kurdish rebels were killed and another 26 arrested. Furthermore, four Mojahedin were killed in clashes with the authorities and seven others were arrested. PARS also noted that Kurdish rebels burned to death four employees of Tehran's communications department whom they had captured. AFP cited JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI as saying that 8 persons died and 12 were seriously injured outside Kamyaran when a bus they were traveling in detonated a mine.

Afghanistan

Clandestine Radios -- AFP reported that three clandestine radios have recently begun broadcasting inside Afghanistan. One transmitter -- Radio Free Kabul -- has aroused official anger against France because two French technicians helped set it up, while another has been broadcasting appeals by Russian dissidents to Soviet troops.

Rebels Captured, Soviets Killed -- Kabul radio reported that 150 rebels were captured recently in Lowgar and Vardak Provinces. According to PARS, 9 Soviet soldiers were killed and 3 were captured in Herat Province during the past week.

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KARMAL ADDRESSES OFFICIALS ON ROLE OF PDPA

LD040942 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0438 GMT 4 Nov 81

[Text] Kabul, 3 Nov (BAKHTAR) -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC, president of the DRA, received here today the participants of the first seminar of the senior financial and administrative personnel of the political department of state information services, the police and the armed forces.

Addressing the participants of the seminar, Babrak Karmal said: It is one of the most important duties of the members of the PDPA to feel utmost responsibility for the public property and to display a revolutionary conscience to protect it as also to guide the control and accounting apparatus of the state in a revolutionary manner.

Babrak Karmal added that the PDPA is a party of the new type. Therefore, it is the first and foremost duty of the party members to prove themselves in the performance of their work worthy of the confidence placed in them by the party and to come out as honest, pious and trustworthy comrades before their party, state and the people.

Babrak Karmal added that the most important question posed in the past by the people had been as to how the governments threated the public property and the questions of the abuse of state property has caused the wrath and indignation of the people of Afghanistan during all the popular struggles.

Therefore, it is our duty to break the old state apparatus (?and) to by [word indistinct] the financial and accounting system, a new machinery corresponding to the demands of our people and guaranteeing the prosperity and blossoming of our beloved country.

Babrak Karmal siad: "It is the demand of the whole of our prideful party and the will of the toilers and the peoples of Afghanistan that the members of the PDPA should ensure their greater, better and deeper link with the broad masses of the peoples and to pressure the unity of the party with our illustrious people through social organization and National Fatherland Front.

FORMER AFGHAN OFFICIAL ON 'STATE OF SIEGE'

BK020552 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 1 Nov 81

[Text] A senior Afghan official, (Mohammad Yusuf Parand), who recently crossed over into Pakistan, has said the Karmal regime is in a state of siege within 10 kilometers during the daytime and within 6 kilometers at night. As a matter of fact, no government exists in Afghanistan in the real sense. (Parand) is a former advicer of the Ministry of Finance.

In an interview, he said the government functionaries could not go from one place to another without a military escort. On the contrary, the Afghan mujahidin moved about freely in the country. The Karmal regime did not enjoy the support of the people. The Afghan official said as far as government employees were concerned not even 1 percent of them supports the Karmal regime. The employees were helping the muhajidin secretly.

(Parand) said the Karmal regime had fully realized that they could not remain in power without the support of foreign troops; that is why they want them to continue to stay in Afghanistan.

GANDHI, BREZHNEV OPEN TROPOSCATTER LINK

BK021354 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Nov 81

[Text] New Delhi and Moscow were directly linked by the troposcatter link today with Mrs Gandhi and President Brezhnev exchanging greetings in the inaugural call. The two leaders spoke to each other on telephone.

Mrs Gandhi described the link as an important milestone in Indo-Soviet economic, scientific and technological cooperation. She expressed her appreciation for the willingness of the Soviet Union to share its technology with India and congratulated Indian and Soviet engineers and technicians who achieved this technological feat.

President Brezhnev in his message said the link represents a new success in the dynamic, multifaceted cooperation between the people of the two countries.

Shamshin, Soviet communications minister, who was present on the occasion, presented an album of Soviet stamps to the prime minister. He also gave her a message of good wishes from Soviet Prime Minister Tikhonov.

Commentary on Link

BK031342 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1010 GMT 3 Nov 81

[Commentary: "New Link Between India and Russia" by N.R. Verma of the All-India Radio]

[Excerpts] India and Russia have taken a giant step in history, both in terms of distance and time, by establishing the world's first-ever troposcatter communication link. Troposcatter is the method of utilizing two mountaintops for defracting radio beams sent by ground stations, thus avoiding unforeseen interruptions due to atmospheric disturbances in high altitudes.

The setting up of the new link between the two countries has raised Indo-Soviet relations to new heights in technological collaboration. While inaugurating the new link on Monday last [2 November] Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi rightly pointed out that it is an important milestone in Indo-Soviet economic, scientific and technological cooperation. She said India deeply appreciates the Soviet Union sharing with us its technology for the benefit of both our people. She also congratulated the Soviet engineers and technicians who had jointly worked in achieving this impressive technological feat.

Though the relations between the two countries have grown in the last 3 decades and they are comprehensive today, there was no adequate direct communication link between the two countries. A good part of the communication went through London and Tokyo. It was to remove this anomaly that the two countries decided to establish a troposcatter link during Soviet President Brezhnev's visit to India in 1973. An agreement for establishing the link was signed in 1977 when Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko visited Delhi.

The tropospheric communication line is a joint Indo-Soviet venture. The Soviet Union supplied the design project and special equipment. The state-owned Electronic Corporation of India manufactured two sets of big antenna. The receiving and transmitting stations are located at (Samlok) Mountain near Dhusanbe, the capital of Soviet Tadzhikistan, and the village (Sherare Sharif), 23 km from Srinagar, capital of the northernmost Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir.

There was great need for establishing better communication with the Soviet Union in view of the growing bilateral cooperation. The existing shortwave communication link between the two countries was not able to meet these requirements in full. Being subject to atmospheric disturbances, a shortwave communication link was also not stable and reliable. Therefore, the new link has gone a long way in meeting this need.

The troposcatter link will now provide a reliable round-the-clock high quality transmission medium for telecommunication services. It will also effectively supplement the route at present available through Intersat global satellite communication system. Another highlight is that it will serve as a strategic diversity medium during the contingencies, such as a planned and unforeseen interruption in the satellite communication system.

The troposcatter link will be utilized not only for telecom traffic between the two countries but also between East Europe and India. In addition, it will carry traffic from Southeast Asia to the Soviet Union and East Europe and thus open up new vistas of cooperation and understanding with all the friendly neighboring countries.

EDITORIAL ON TRADE TIES WITH ASEAN STATES

BK311355 Madras THE HINDU in English 15 Oct 81 p 8

[Editorial: "Opportunities in ASEAN"]

[Text] A fifth of India's total exports goes to the ASEAN region comprising Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines. This might create the impression of some roaring business being done in that area, but when seen against the fact that India's share in the aggregate imports of these countries is negligible there is nothing left to crow about. Not that people who count are not aware of the actual position. Indeed, as several others have done before, the eleven-member delegation of the federation of Indian chambers of commerce and industry which visited ASEAN countries early this year has come out with the statement that "there was tremendous scope for cooperation in trade and industry between India and the ASEAN. It is to be hoped that the effort will go beyond mere theoretical exploration of the possibilities that lie ahead.

The ASEAN members seem to be willing: Singapore and the Philippines were prepared to extend facilities to India free of change for setting up warehouses from which goods could be exported; joint ventures will be supported in labour intensive lines such as cottage industries or those based on local raw materials; and bright prospects are forecast for establishing industries relating to iron and steel, sponge iron, cement, textiles, machine tools and power generation.

More recently, a decision has been taken to organise an ASEAN finance corporation (AFC) "to act as a conduit for both equity investment and loans from external sources." This opens up a big field for countries like Indonesia which are wary of guaranteeing foreign debt in joint ventures. The latest visits of Mrs Gandhi and Mr Narasimha Rao to this region might have also helped clear some mental reservations against India among the members of the ASEAN. It is significant that Datuk Musa Hitam, Malaysian deputy premier, has chosen to record that "though differences exist between ASEAN and India on a number of political issues, it is the economic issues that are important in the dialogue and definitely these (economic) aspects of the relationship could be explored." This can be taken to mean that the misunderstanding over India's recognition of the Heng Samrin Government of Kampuchea in July last year has subsided.

India should strive hard to develop ASEAN custom for direct exports apart from pursuing the line of joint ventures. The two way trade between India and Malaysia has gone up four-fold in recent years but the balance is heavily in the latter's favour. Malaysia is prepared to help correct this by buying Indian machinery, but that will depend on its prices being competitive; it seems there are no complaints with regard to quality, but prices are high. This is a problem which can be tackled. India should take up the challenge to produce goods that can compare with those made in Japan or in other areas of the West. In the transition period, India producers can on their own sell at the going prices in these markets and recoup losses, if any, through appropriate pricing at home. There have to be sacrifices somewhere.

In any event, the operation will not involve undue hardship because the export quantum in almost all cases is a very small proportion of the total sales. India should also examine suggestions made by ASEAN spokesmen such as the one offered by Tunku Ahmad Rithaudeen, Malaysian minister for trade and industry, that India could supply iron ore pellets to Malaysia and buy back sponge iron pellets. It is matter not for mere concern but shame that in the case of joint ventures, deficiencies such as lack of homework and non-adherence to time schedules are still being cited as having harmed India's image in this region. Quite pertinently has a spokesman of the ASEAN said that "developing countries need to look at their own backyards first for possibilities before going out to the developed world to seek assistance."

ATOMIC POWERPLANT CLOSED DUE TO RADIATION LEAK

BK261558 Hong Kong AFP in English 1021 GMT 26 Oct 81

[Text] New Delhi, 26 Oct (AFP) -- A serious leak in one of the units of the atomic power plant in Rajasthan state, about 400 km (250 miles) south of here, has led to its closure, it was reported today.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) news agency in a dispatch quoted "knowledgeable sources" as saying the radiation leak was detected between the end shield and calendria and it might take 6 months to one year to repair it. The leak was detected about a month ago.

"The approach to the leakage site is very difficult," these sources told the agency.

The heat exchange tubes of unit two were also badly leaking and need urgent replacements. This unit had also since been shutdown.

The leak in unit one had been caused by injudicious operation of the reactor as a good percentage of its leaking moderate heat exchange tubes are plugged, the agency further quoted the sources as saying.

JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI CITED ON U.S. ARMAMENTS

AU301727 East Berlin HORIZONT in German No 43/1981 p 25

["Excerpts" from JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI editorial on dangers of U.S. rearmament policy -- headline, date not given]

[Text] The Tehran daily JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI, central organ of the governing "Islamic Republican Party" published under the direction of Iranian Foreign Minister [now Prime Minister] Hoseyn Musavi, recently carried an editorial dealing with the policy of intensified armament pursued by the United States and the danger emanating from it for Europe and all mankind. The editorial says, inter alia:

In the past few weeks West Germany has repeatedly witnessed extensive demonstrations expressing protest against the production of the neutron bomb by the United States. Behind this protest is growing concern over the fact that Europe continues to be turned step by step into a base of the U.S. world conquerors -- which means that in the event of a war it would be totally destroyed. A glance at the history of World Wars I and II shows us that then, too, Europe was the main loser, the most-destroyed continent which had to bear most of the suffering. Should a third world war break out, it would end with the complete destruction of this continent.

All military commands and the Pentagon leaders are making striking endeavors to equip their European nuclear arsenals as quickly as possible with highly technical advanced weapons of destruction. But that is not enough! The U.S. warmongers are even seeking as quickly as possible to equip space with nuclear weapons, which constitutes an open breach of the commitments adopted within the framework of the United States vis-a-vis all peoples. Naturally, these activities, these peace-endangering machinations, are, as usual, explained by the "Soviet threat" -- this time in space. It is both interesting and frightening to see how the U.S. Administration is cheating its own people and the peoples of the world, putting them under the pressure of fear and purposefully exposing them "at the right time" to the influence of such films as "Star Wars" so as to prepare public opinion for its objective, the deployment of nuclear weapons in space.

The actual problem lies in the fact that the great Satan (that is what U.S. imperialism is called in Iran -- HORIZONT) knows that in a conventional war it is bound to be defeated -- even by small countries, as was shown by Vietnam. It is very well known that U.S. society is decayed, that primarily among the youth there are no ideals left that would be worth fighting for. Even the military forces of the United States are affected by these symptoms. This situation explains why it is regarded as necessary to threaten the peoples with technical, perverted nuclear weapons in order to dominate them.

U.S. Defense Secretary Weinberger has quite openly declared that the neutron weapon "will be used in case of need at all points of the world." Another high-ranking U.S. figure has expressed himself more specifically: "The neutron weapons will also be used outside Europe, primarily in the Middle and Far East."

What attitude is taken by the Soviet Union toward the arms race and the neutron weapon?

According to sources of the Eastern power, the United States has 30,000 nuclear warheads. This quantity would be enough to completely annihilate the entire planet several times over. In the face of the U.S. armament efforts the Soviet Union finds it necessary to appropriately react to the U.S. steps. On the other hand, however, the USSR stresses its wish to immediately hold talks on reducing nuclear weapons and on banning their use in space. The deployment of this weapon in space would create completely new conditions for military operations and would make the outbreak of war even more incalculable.

Commenting on the U.S. decision to produce the neutron weapon, a Soviet scientist has declared that it "clearly expresses the perversion of a misanthropic regime." As a radiologist, he said, he had to regard this "decision directed against life as cause for the gravest concern."

Another Soviet scientist, chairman of the committee of Soviet physicians for preventing a nuclear war, says in this context: "The neutron weapon is by nature a dangerous strategic offensive weapon which, similar to the nuclear bomb, results in mass destruction of human lives." The Soviet scientists pointed out that the neutron weapon, which causes little damage to houses and factories, destroys all life with its radioactive rays even at a distance of 4-5 km if it is exploded at an altitude of 1,200 meters. That is something which all peoples should take careful note of, especially those for whose territory this weapon is earmarked.

We would also like to remind you that one must not lose sight of the fact that this so-called clean weapon is not clean at all. Apart from the fact that it destroys the food base for a long time, it ensures that for a considerable period of time no one can live in the areas that have been purged of "undesirable persons." The Soviet scientists have convincingly proved that it is necessary, as long as mankind has not been eradicated by such weapons, to wage a resolute struggle for destroying this weapon. There is only one way to overcome the situation as it exists today: namely, to immediately begin genuine constructive talks on an equal footing.

KHOMEYNI MESSAGE TO STUDENTS IN U.S., CANADA

LD032006 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Nov 81

[Message sent by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to the Islamic students associations in the United States and Canada on 3 November -- read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful.

To the Islamic students associations in the United States and Canada:

Dear sisters and brothers: Your message which was thoroughly imbued with Islam and humanitarian values has been received. I am well aware of your record of activities and hard work, dear ones, and I extend to you my thanks and appreciation.

Committed young people throughout history, particularly Muslim students in the present and coming generations, constitute the hope-giving capital of Islam and of the Islamic countries. It is these people, with their commitment, righteousness, straightforwardness and steadfastness, who could become the ship of salvation of the Islamic nation and of their individual countries. It is to these dear ones' hard work that the nations owe their independence, liberty, progress and exaltation, and it is precisely these people who constitute the main target of colonialism and world exploiters; every camp is planning to catch them, and it is through catching them that the nations will be dragged into weakness and debility.

"Oh dear youth, students and scholars and hope of the present and future of the nation and Islam! The great trusteeship of independence and liberty, which has been snatched from the snare of the two camps of East and West, thanks to the crusading work and sacrifices of the illustrious Iranian nation, this [Islam] has now been entrusted to your care, dear ones, and thereby a tremendous responsibility has been placed on the shoulders of all and sundry.

The whole nation, particularly the Muslim students who are leaders of the future, are responsible for guarding this great, divine trusteeship.

The opponents of the Islamic Republic -- our opponents, your opponents, at home and abroad -- are constituted by the two world-devouring superpower camps and the young people they have ensnared. The mighty foes of Islam and the Muslims, through the agency of the captives they have ensnared and those who have been duped by their ideological schools, have subjected and are subjecting you abroad and your country from within to vast propaganda and armed offensive.

We here, and you abroad, should strive to free our duped youth from the snares of these swindling huntsmen.

Oh young people who are unaware of the extensive snares of these players and political gamesmen! They have so innocently surrendered to them that they have unquestioningly accepted all their lies and slanders leveled at the authorities of the Islamic Republic, at the revolution guards and at the Muslims sacrificing their lives on the path of Islam and the country and are devoting themselves to the paths of their deceiving leaders who are merely using them and their weakness to further their own ends and their antihuman ambitions. They are innocently sacrificing the blood of the heroic and intrepid nation on the path of their godless chiefs and consequently for the criminal United States.

Oh dear young people! Vigilantly clasp hands with your friends within your country and give guidance to and free these unknowing young people from the snares of these swindling huntsmen. It is one of our and your religious and national duties to frustrate the propaganda emanating from the U.S. and Zionist mouthpieces which, by disseminating lies and slanders, attempt to stain and isolate the Islamic Republic, and to lift the veil on the crimes perpetrated by the rumormongers as far as possible, and help with all our might our oppressed nation which has committed no crime except leaning toward Islam and harboring the will for independence and liberty. In doing so let us remain confident that the great Iranian nation has found its own path, which is none other than the straight path of humanity, is present on the arena with complete vigilance and in all dimensions, does not permit the forces of blasphemy to return to its country, is defending dear Islam and its country tooth and nail and, praise be to God and by the wish of Almighty God, is putting the warmongers in their place and isolating the agent criminals, is removing the problems -- no matter what they may be -- from the path of the Islamic Republic, thanks to its dauntless efforts, and is victoriously moving forward on all fronts and, through reliance on the great God and itself, does not fear any power.

Iran's Islamic revolution, with the support of the gracious Almighty, is spreading on a worldwide scale and, God willing, with its spread the satanical powers will be dragged into isolation and governments of the meek will be established; the way will be opened for the world government of the imam mahdi [12th imam] the end of the era, may the exalted God hasten his noble advent and may our lives be sacrificed to the dust of his path.

Oh meek peoples of the world! Assail the man-eating oppressors and wrest your rights from them as God Almighty is with you and His promise cannot be broken!

I beseech the omnipotent and exalted God to grant Islam victory!

Peace be on the martyrs of the path of Islam and on all the Muslims in the world! A salute to the dear combatants of the land of Iran! And peace be on you, young students in the Islamic students associations in the United States and Canada and in other parts of the world who are fulfilling your Islamic, humanitarian duties in the center of the government of Satan and the devil! Do not allow fear to enter your hearts when faced with their might! Death and revulsion to the world devourers of both East and West, particularly the criminal United States!

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni

STUDENTS URGED TO AVOID 4 NOV DEMONSTRATIONS

NC031636 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 3 Nov 81

[Text] Khomeyni's regime has sent a circular to the Tehran schools calling on school officials to take the students to the front of the American Embassy on Wednesday. The objective behind making the students participate in demonstrations on the anniversary of the day the executioner Khomeyni went into exile and the day on which the American Embassy was occupied is to (?show world public opinion) that Khomeyni's anti-Islamic regime has a few supporters.

It is said that parents have advised their children not to participate in these demonstrations to avoid any possible dangers or the explosion of bombs by Hezbollahi who usually (?resort to such acts to mar) [words indistinct].

Our correspondent has reported from Tehran that today it was rumored that tomorrow all schools throughout the country will be closed and no students will attend school. We too advise the dear students to refrain from going to school tomorrow to thwart the plots hatched by Khomeyni's agents so that officials of the schools cannot force them to participate in the staged demonstrations.

An interesting point to note is that Khomeyni's executioner regime has taken more than 200 wounded students who had participated in demonstrations from their hospital beds and executed them in Evin and (?it is now calling on students to participate in its own demonstrations).

GUARDS CORPS KILLS, ARRESTS 'TERRORISTS'

LD031904 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Nov 81

[Text] The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps has issued the following statement in connection with our brother guards' operations against criminal terrorists:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The self-sacrificing combatants of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps are continuing their battle against all the sources of blasphemy and hypocrisy on all fronts. Part of the operations of the Guards Corps in combating criminal terrorists in the past week are brought to the attention of the revolutionary and martyr-rearing Islamic nation:

Our brother guards discovered a safe house in Bandar-e 'Abbas and arrested two of its inhabitants. In a 4-hour clash during the takeover of this den of corruption, one hypocrite was killed and another was wounded and arrested. Some arms, ammunition and documents were seized.

Two houses of the reactionary hypocrites minigroup were discovered in Hashtpar and five terrorists were arrested. One firearm, several pipe bombs, Molotov cocktails and explosives were seized.

In Zanjan, the Guards Corps discovered a safe house and seized a Colt, one G-3 rifle and some explosives.

During a clash between the brother guards and terrorists affiliated to the hypocrites minigroup in Mashhad, one of the counterrevolutionaries was killed and another was arrested.

In Yazd, two armed terrorists attacked our brother guards but, thanks to the alertness of the Guards Corps, one of the terrorists was killed.

In the past month, 30 weapons of various descriptions were captured from a smuggling gang in Esfarayen and the smugglers were arrested by our brother guards.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

'TERRORISTS' KILL HEZBOLLAHI, ATTACK OTHERS

LD021848 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Nov 81

[Summary] According to a PARS report from Mashhad, two armed terrorists martyred Mr (Reza Gostari), a committed Hezbollahi yesterday at his shop. According to the same report, the terrorists fled the scene after committing the crime.

Two armed terrorists riding a motorcycle yesterday afternoon also made an attempt on the lives of two committed Hezbollahi in Sabzevar. The two Hezbollahis were only injured in the incident. The terrorists were members of the hypocrites organization.

According to the Islamic revolution guards spokesman, the night before last a bomb exploded during the march marking the martyrdom of Imam Hoseyn in the city of Lahijan. One person was injured in the incident.

REPORTAGE ON OPPOSITION IN KORDESTAN REGION

4 Burned to Death

LD031140 Tehran PARS in English 0935 GMT 3 Nov 81

[Text] Tehran, 2 Nov (PARS) -- Counterrevolutionaries, in an act of remarkable brutality and cowardice, burned to death four persons they had captured. The martyred were four personnel of the communications department of Tehran.

Meanwhile, in a clash between the Islamic combatants and outlaws in Divandarreh, in the Saqqez region, on Sunday, five counterrevolutionaries were killed, five others were wounded and the rest were forced to flee. PARS reported one gendarme was martyred in this clash. On the occasion of this martyrdom the telecommunications department of Kordestan Province issued an announcement praising the activities of this martyr.

On the whole, more than 14 counterrevolutionaries were killed and several others wounded during various clashes with the Islamic revolutionary guards on Sunday.

Political Group Arrested

LD021106 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 2 Nov 81

[Text] The Central News Unit, quoting the central headquarters of the Guards Corps, announced:

As a result of the village of (Baykerl), situated 45 km from Saqqez, being purged of the presence of pro-American mercenaries, the mercenaries abandoned six firearms and hunting rifles and several dead and wounded, left the village and escaped. In the provincial town of [name indistinct] five members of the defunt Democratic Party reported to the guards base in Saqqez and received letters of safe conduct. In the village of Saman near Baneh, elements connected with pro-American groups attacked the mosque of the village and tore up religious books, thus showing their ugly and inhuman faces. They were confronted with a serious reaction by the people and were forced to escape.

In the town of Baneh, a group of the members of the political and military sections of the defunct Democratic Party and Komeleh were arrested with the cooperation of the people and the Muslim Kurdish peshmerga.

2 Nov Mahabad Clash

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, the Public Relations Office of the Guards Corps has announced the following: On Monday, 2 November, a clash took place between Guards Corps brothers and counterrevolutionaries affiliated with the defunct [Kurdish] Democratic Party and the American Komeleh minigroup.

Seventeen counterrevolutionaries were killed and a large number of them wounded. During this clash, 26 other rebels were arrested by the brother guards. According to reports received from Mahabad, Guards Corpsman Parviz Aqaverdi was martyred during the clash.

Rebels Surrender in Urumiyeh

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[Text] The Central News Unit, quoting the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Urumiyeh, reported that during the past dew days 14 armed members of the U.S.-backed Kurdish Democratic Party, who had realized their past shortcomings, corruption and bad deeds, returned to the very kind bosom of Islam; after pledging their loyalty to the Islamic Republic of Iran and handing in their arms and ammunition, they received a safe conduct from the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Urumiyeh.

KUWAIT REPORTS QOTBZADEH ESCAPE TO PARIS

GF031246 Kuwait AS-SIYASAH in Arabic 3 Nov 81 p 1

[Text] Paris -- Former Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh has arrived in Paris. It has been confirmed here in Paris that Qotbzadeh has managed to flee Iran through the south of the country.

In Paris Qotbzadeh will be joining the united national front whose formation has reached an advanced stage and which includes former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, (former Navy Commander] Gen [as published] Ahmad Madani, [former NIOC chairman] Hasan Nazih and Mojahedin-e Khalq leader Mas'ud Rajavi.

CLANDESTINE ON MUSAVI, TUDEH, POWER STRUGGLE

NC301350 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 29 Oct 81

[Text] Ultimately, Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i was appointed as the prime minister of the illegal regime and thus, once again, the ruling party of the Islamic regime [words indistinct]. In the open session of the clerical Majlis held in order to approve Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i's appointment, it was (?revealed) that during Wednesday's closed-door meeting, which lasted (?2 hours), Hashemi-Rafsanjani threatened many supporters of the Mahdavi-Kani and Montazeri faction as well as several other representatives of the ruling party that disagreement over the premiership of Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i would have unforeseeable consequences. Even so, 48 supporters of the Montazeri and Mahdavi-Kani faction abstained while 39 other delegates voted against -- this was in addition to the delegates who did not participate in Thursday's session. Therefore, Musavi-Khamene'i was appointed as prime minister with only 115 votes cast by delegates of the ruling party and he was asked by Hashemi-Rafsanjani -- the most influential member of the ruling party -- to form his Cabinet immediately and to present it to the clerical Majlis.

According to a Voice of Iran correspondent's dispatch from Paris, after reporting on the approval of Mir-Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i's premiership by the clerical Majlis, the French radio said: This time the clerical Majlis delegates had no other alternative but to approve Musavi-Khamene'i since a repetition of the 'Ali Akbar Velayati incident would have roused fears that Khomeyni would order the Majlis to be dissolved and new elections would have to be held. The French commentator added that Mir-Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i is among the few dogmatists and [words indistinct] and that his brother, Khamene'i, would not have considered anyone else for this position. But what is the extent of the role and power of the Islamic Republic's prime minister? According to the French radio commentator, in the Islamic Republic not only the prime minister but the president himself have no duty but to blindly implement Khomeyni's orders, and if we take into consideration Khomeyni's vague and illogical beliefs, we will clearly see in whose hands the administration of Iran's affairs lies.

Mir-Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i, one of the officials of the Islamic Republican Party and the person in charge of this party's paper for a long time, was appointed about 5 months ago by the late Mohammad Ali Raja'i to head the Foreign Ministry. With Mahdavi-Kani's sudden resignation there were (?indications) that he would be appointed as prime minister of the clerical regime.

Like his elder brother 'Ali Musavi-Khamene'i, Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i has very close links with the Soviet backed Tudeh Party. In a recent interview with Patricia [name indistinct], a correspondent of the U.S. magazine NEWSWEEK, he sufficed to say that the Tudeh Party has no base in Iran and that the [word indistinct] of this party does not alter the regime's "neither East nor West" policy.

Political observers in Tehran believe that the appointment of 'Ali Musavi-Khamene'i's younger brother Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i, as the regime's prime minister stems from the fact that the Islamic Republican Party does not want to grant a concession to its rival faction and continues its effort to monopolize the most important pillars of power. Hashemi-Rafsanjani's younger brother has been appointed head of the regime's propaganda network, the state radio and television, and no group other than elements of the ruling party of the Tudeh Party are allowed in this organization. The remainder of important positions such as the Interior Ministry that controls the elections and domestic affairs in general, the Petroleum Ministry that furnishes the financial (?needs) of the regime, and other (?state) organizations such as the Foreign Ministry, the War Ministry, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, and the Plan and Budget Organization are all monopolized by the ruling Islamic Republican Party. Under such conditions, the mullahs' rival faction has been deprived of the benefits of power and the only high position, the premiership, was also lost with the resignation of Mahdavi-Kani. Contrary to the deceased Beheshti, who had established a type of equilibrium by supporting Montazeri as the future successor of Khomeyni and by placing Mahdavi-Kani at the head of the Interior Ministry, today various opinions are being voiced as to who will be the successor of Khomeyni. In this respect, Montazeri's name is mentioned in the regime's mass media without the title of "grand theologian" while Hashemi-Rafsanjani and 'Ali Musavi-Khamene'i refrain from meeting with Montazeri.

Political circles in Tehran believe that in the case of the death of either Hashemi-Rafsanjani or 'Ali Khamene'i -- considered to be two of the most powerful mullahs of the regime -- the successor of one of these two will have to ask for assistance from the rival faction or the Montazeri and Mahdavi-Kani band. But in such a case the latter will try to gain the power exclusively and this vicious circle will continue in the struggle for power between the mullahs of the regime until the regime's downfall.

RADIO IRAN CONDEMNS PRO-SOVIET IRANIAN FORCES

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[Text] In recent months many economic, military, political and [words indistinct] have been sent from the Islamic Republic to Cuba, North Korea, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union and delegations have been sent from the (?said) countries to discuss the expansion of cooperation in various fields.

It has been some time now since officials of the Islamic Republic began condeming NATO in the same manner as the Soviet propaganda network -- without mentioning the military Warsaw pact or referring to the expansion of Soviet bases in the area.

The clerical Majlis speaker, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani, said in a Friday prayer that "our slogan is 'Death to America'" and told his listeners not to forget this slogan. The temporary Friday imam, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, (?repeats the slogan of the pro-Moscow communists) [words indistinct].

[Word indistinct] the hojjat ol-Eslam forgets the (?Soviet) imperialism -- an imperialism that has not granted independence to any of the (?czarist) colonies so far and by (?exploiting the geographic positions of these colonies) continues to keep all of them in its clutches. Georgia, Armenia, Azerbayjan, Turkmenistan, (?Bokhara), [words indistinct], parts of Khoraşan, Tadzhikistan and Uzbekistan (?are among these colonies); an imperialism that during World War II [words indistinct].

We strongly condemn imperialist policies, irrespective of whether they come from the United States, [words indistinct], (?Japan) or any other country and have and (?will continue) to struggle against it because we consider the calamity that has struck our country as a result of these policies. But the clergy who pay lipservice to Islam and opposition with imperialism and, as they themselves put it, to the "Neither East nor West" policies, have become so "Eastern" today that (?it will not be very long) before they describe the Afghan mujahidin as "brigands" as does Radio Moscow. Reports on the handing over of Afghan refugees to the Soviet occupation forces by the clergy have been published and Afghan sources are even speaking about the presence of Cuban forces on Iranian territory. The condemnation of the crimes committed by the Soviet occupation forces in Afghanistan has been halted for a long time now. The ugly Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic has only to describe the Solidarity movement in Poland as a Western spy and thus complete its coordination with the Soviet propaganda network.

The truth is that the Khomeyni clique has found (?a strong) tendency toward Russian imperialism and has turned to communist countries for the continuation of its existence. One of the reasons why the Islamic Republic has turned toward the Soviet Union is that no government in the Free World can justify and explain the disgrace of cooperating with the bloodthirsty mullahs to its nation. But the Russians and other similar governments, who have peace of mind as far as their nations are concerned and know that there are no questions and answers involved, easily accept representatives of the Islamic Republic and give it the possibility of existence until obstacles remaining in front of the establishment of a pro-Moscow communist regime are removed. Once they achieve this they will (?get rid of Khomeyni).

Khomeyni today relies on the imperialism of the Russians and Engels. But the Russians do not (?stop with their support for) the Tudeh Party. The [words indistinct] Soviets know that Khomeyni will soon go and the Tudeh Party is too disgraceful to be accepted by the nation. Bearing these realities in mind made Soviet imperialism find new elements for the expansion of its sinister infiltration in Iran. [passage indistinct]

It is not (?accidental that today) Mr Mas'ud Rajavi, leader of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization (?does not comment) in an interview with the Italian LA REPUBBLICA newspaper on 7 October 1981 in reply to a question on the Soviet expansionist policies [words indistinct] and the flagrant invasion of Afghanistan by the Red Army.

[Words indistinct] the Feda'iyan-e Khalq too have officially shown their antipopular face [words indistinct] and it was clarified that (?they too have affiliations with Moscow). In addition to these, there are [word indistinct] groups in Kordestan that (?feign) to be independent [words indistinct] and utter [words indistinct].

If we rub our sleepy eyes a little and look around us more alertly, we can see the two heads of the Russian social imperialist pincer which from abroad -- by occupying Afghanistan and establishing itself in South Yemen [as heard], Ethiopia and Syria -- and from within -- by (?encouraging) and strengthening the openly and clandestinely affiliated groups -- has besieged Iran's (?and the Iranian nation's) independence, freedom and (?integrity). A moment of hesitation will give the hungry bear the opportunity to swallow Iran.

COMMUNIQUE 687 REPORTS ON SITUATION AT FRONTS

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[Communique 687 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Many thanks to the militant and Muslim nation of Iran who support and assist their combative brothers on the battlefronts by donating everything at their disposal. Some of the operations and self-sacrifices of the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the situation on the battlefronts during the past 24 hours are brought to your attention as follows:

In the Mehran and (Zurbatiyah) regions, intense exchange of fire continued. As a result of the intense fire of our forces on enemy positions, 10 trenches and 5 vehicles of the enemy were destroyed. During these operations, several personnel of the forces of blasphemy were killed.

On the Gilan-e Gharb and Sar-e Pol-e Zahab fronts, exchanges of fire continued. Thanks to the fire of our indefatigable combatants, 9 tanks and vehicles, 26 trenches, 1 ammunition tent and 2 cannons of the enemy, along with their servicemen, were destroyed.

Self-sacrificing pilots of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran destroyed several military targets inside Iraq on 30 October and 1 November. By launching several effective attacks on enemy positions on the Abadan fronts, they inflicted considerable losses and damage to units of the Iraqi Armed Forces.

On the Khuninshahr front, the self-sacrificing forces of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran opened fire on positions of the invading enemy in the occupied part, destroying one bunker and one mortar emplacement. Several Ba'thist soldiers were either killed or wounded.

On the Kan-e Sakht and Malekshahi fronts, warriors of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran were able to destroy two trenches and one mortar emplacement of the enemy. Our gendarmerie forces also killed or wounded more than five Iraqi soldiers.

Brave combatants of the police, stationed on the Abadan front, opened fire on Iraqi positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud, destroying two trenches and two observation posts of the enemy and killing several.

It was brought to the attention of the heroic nation of Iran through the mass media that yesterday Ahvaz and Dezful came under the long-range missile fire of the misled enemy once again and as a result of this cowardly attack another group of our compatriots were either wounded or martyred. Abadan also suffered heavy damage by the enemy's heavy-artillery fire and two of our Abadani compatriots were martyred; several of them were injured.

During the past 24 hours, several Iraqi aggressive planes tried to violate the airspace of our country but they were forced to flee by the effective firing of our air defense units.

BRIEFS

ROAD CONSTRUCTION -- The minister of roads and transport has stated that 12,000 km of roads have been paved during the past year. This figure does not include roads the construction crusade built in villages and urban regions. [Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic 0900 GMT 1 Nov 81 GF]